TRADE AND INDUSTRIES

documents and folio cases, jewel cases, air travel bags, etc. The total sales amounted to Rs. 6,16,860. Government have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 50,000 towards working capital.

The Bangalore Ex-servicemen's Transport Co., Ltd., Bangalore.

842. The paid-up capital of the Company at the end of the year stood at Rs. 1,22,095 (Rs. 82,000). The Government of India advanced a loan of Rs. 90,000 to the Company during August 1954 and the total investment of fixed capital expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,71,247.

843. The total number of vehicles owned by the Company or running under its control was 45. The amount collected by way of hire on taxies, lorries and auto-rickshaws during the year was Rs. 1,31,473.

The Mysore Vegetable Oil Products, Ltd., Bangalore.

844. The Company continued to manufacture Vanaspati Product and Refined oil. A total quantity of 884 tons of Vanaspati product and refined oil was manufactured during the year, while sales accounted to 963 tons valued at Rs. 13,59,413.

845. Owing to general slump in trade and violent fluctuations in price of the raw materials, *viz.*, groundnut oil and also on account of keen competition from other factories, the factory had to restrict production during the year.

(ii) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati.

846. The total value of sales effected during the year amounted to Rs. 298·43 lakhs as against Rs. 293·09 lakhs in the previous year.

847. Sanction was accorded to instal a Spun Cast Iron Pipe Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 49·00 lakhs for increasing the production of small size cast iron pipes. The order for a complete Plant was placed in July 1954.

848. The Government of India referred the Steel Expansion Schemes of the Works to an American Firm of Consulting Engineers under the Point-4 Programme, for examination and report. The Consultants visited the Works during August 1954, examined the schemes, and have submitted a report to the Government of India.

849. Under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, the Iron and Steel Industry in the State was declared to be a Public Utility Service for a further period of six months from 1st January 1955.

850. The relationship between Management and Labour were cordial. Sanction was accorded to the construction of eight blocks of Gangmen's quarters of six units each at different places on the Tramways at a cost of Rs. 84,000 and for the construction of 37 units of quarters for the employees at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,17,650. Construction of these buildings was also taken up during the year. The construction of 100 twin-type Labour quarters taken up by the Mysore Labour Housing Corporation in the Works area was completed during the year.

(iii) Textile Section of the Department of Industries and Commerce.

851. The organisation and development of the Handloom Industry, and the amelioration of the condition of the Handloom Weavers were given special attention by the Department. Handloom Industry.

852. The Mysore State Cotton Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society, Limited, procured and distributed yarn to the weavers through its primary weavers' societies. During the year the yarn sold by these Societies was Rs. 15,65,490 (Rs. 15,45,389).

853. Improved handloom equipment were purchased for distribution to the weavers through the weavers' co-operative Societies. The total value of the purchases was Rs. 1,50,000.

854. The Government Wool Spinning Centre, Kolar, produced mostly kambalies, as there was no adequate market for druggets and pile carpets.

855. The production of khadi goods was given special impetus during the year by organising sale of khadi hundies. Khadi hundies of the value of Rs. 8,54,000 had been received from the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board. The total sales in the Mysore State amounted to Rs. 3,90,000. Khadi.

856. The production and sales in the factory were 83,420 yards of silk and Rs. 10,91,700 respectively. Government Silk Weaving Factory, Mysore.

857. A scheme for the modernisation of the present equipment of the factory at a cost of rupees five lakhs was under consideration.